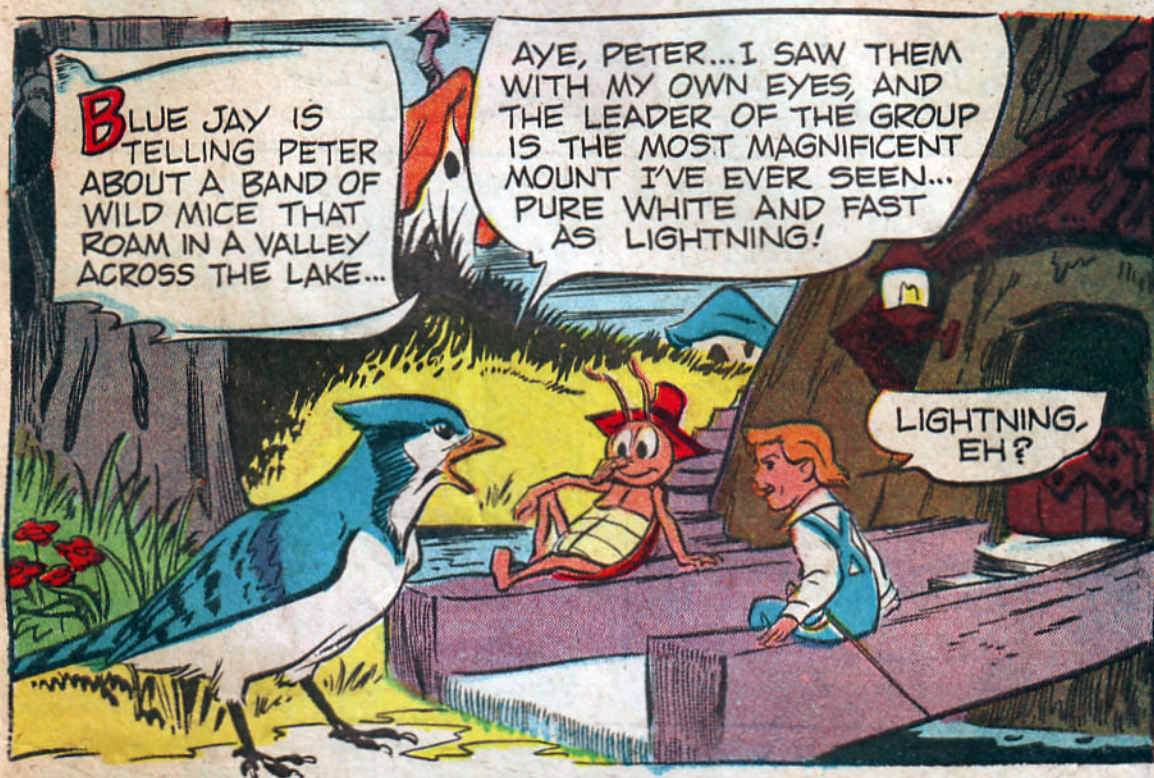


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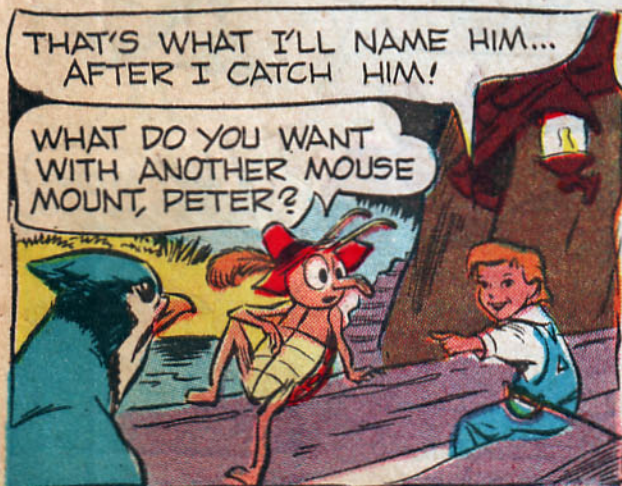
The Adventures of PETER WHEAT



BLUE JAY IS TELLING PETER ABOUT A BAND OF WILD MICE THAT ROAM IN A VALLEY ACROSS THE LAKE...

AYE, PETER... I SAW THEM WITH MY OWN EYES, AND THE LEADER OF THE GROUP IS THE MOST MAGNIFICENT MOUNT I'VE EVER SEEN... PURE WHITE AND FAST AS LIGHTNING!

LIGHTNING, EH?

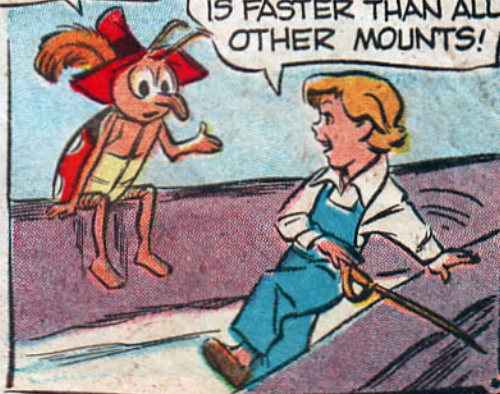


THAT'S WHAT I'LL NAME HIM... AFTER I CATCH HIM!

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ANOTHER MOUSE MOUNT, PETER?

YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE!

TRUE! BUT I'D LIKE TO HAVE ONE THAT IS FASTER THAN ALL OTHER MOUNTS!





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BESIDES, IF THAT WHITE MOUSE IS AS FAST AS BLUE JAY SAYS... THINK OF THE **CHALLENGE** IT WILL OFFER IN TRYING TO CATCH HIM!



IT'S A LONG RIDE AROUND THE LAKE, PETER... WHY NOT HAVE BLUE JAY FLY US OVER?

WE'LL NEED MOUNTS OVER THERE TO CATCH THAT WHITE ONE!



BLUE JAY! MEET US DOWN AT THE LAKE IN A FEW MINUTES! WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP!

AYE!



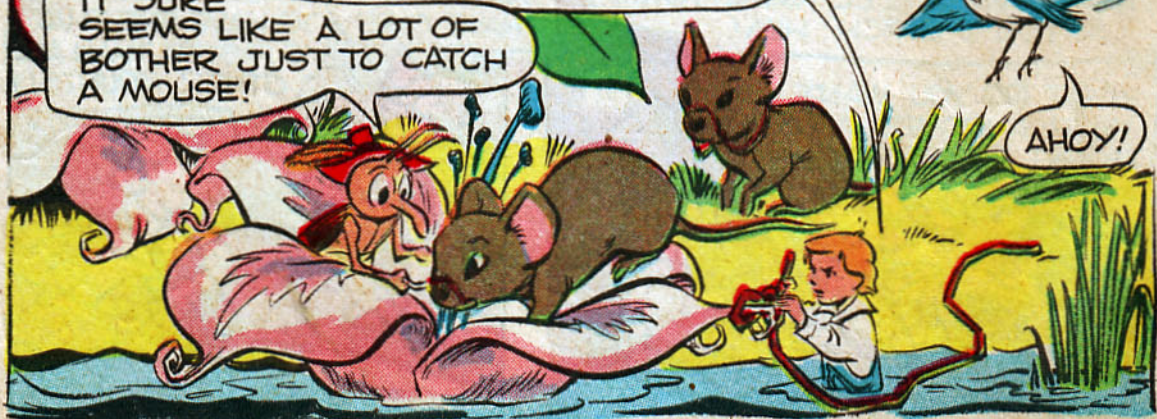
I THINK I KNOW HOW WE CAN GET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE IN A HURRY AND STILL HAVE OUR MOUNTS!



SHORTLY...

THIS FLOWER WILL SUPPORT US WHILE BLUE JAY PULLS US ACROSS THE LAKE!

IT SURE SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF BOTHER JUST TO CATCH A MOUSE!



AHOY!

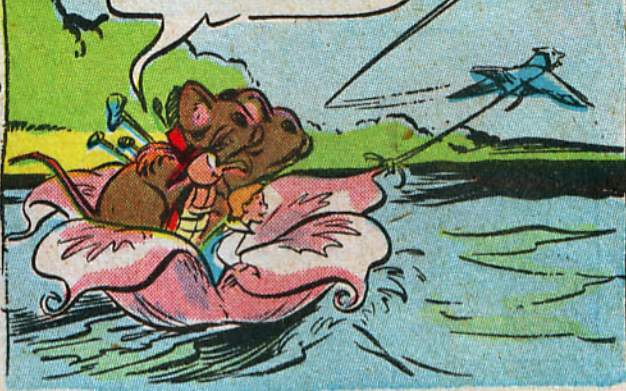
I SEE YOUR PLAN,
PETER... ALL SET?

AYE!
PULL
AWAY!



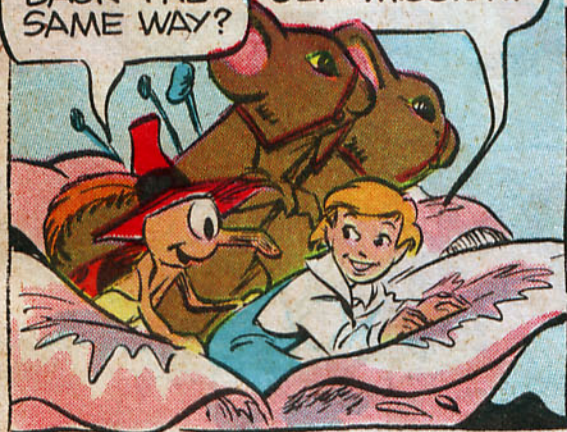
WHAT SPEED! HOW ABOUT
THIS BEETLE?

I'LL ADMIT IT IS
FUN, PETER!



WE'LL GET
TO RIDE
BACK THE
SAME WAY?

AYE! SOON AS
WE COMPLETE
OUR MISSION!



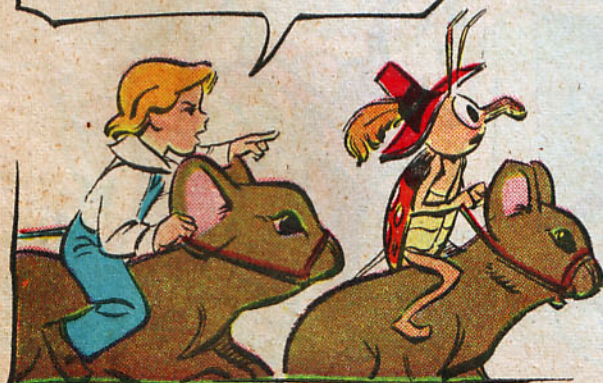
ONCE ACROSS, BLUE
JAY DEPARTS...

WE'LL SEND UP A
SMOKE SIGNAL
WHEN WE WANT
YOU TO COME PULL
US BACK, BLUE JAY!

I'LL BE
WATCHING
FOR IT!
GOOD LUCK!

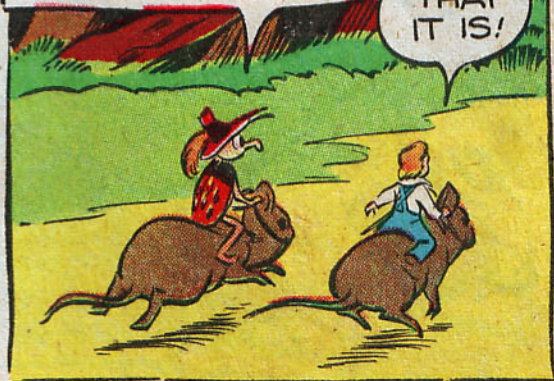


WE GO STRAIGHT OVER THAT
RIDGE AHEAD OF US! THE WILD
BAND OF MICE SHOULD BE
ON THE OTHER SIDE!



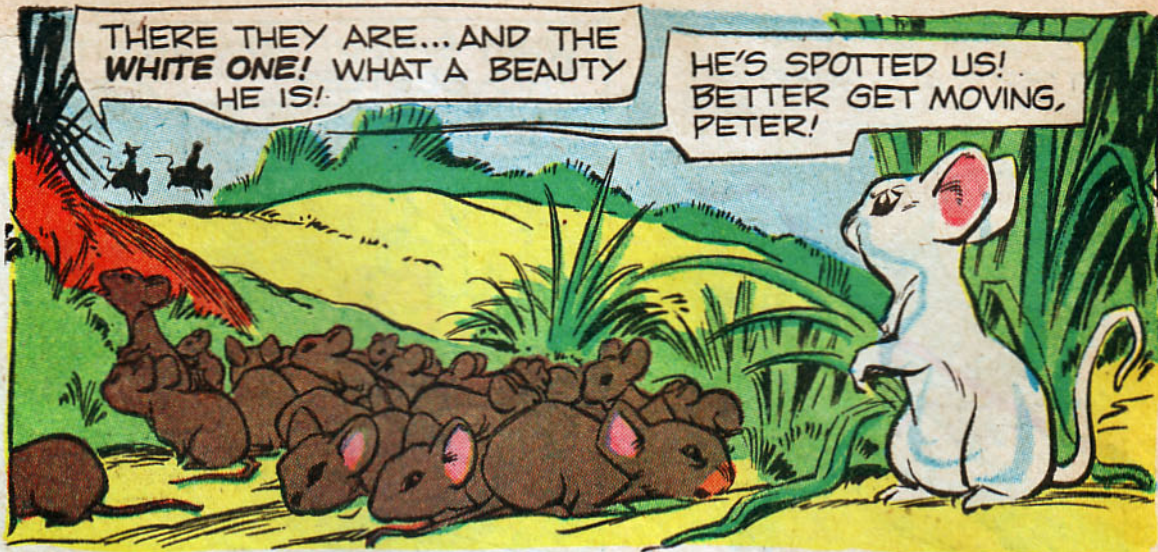
I'M GLAD I CAME, PETER!
IT'S A NICE DAY FOR A
PEACEFUL RIDE THROUGH
THE COUNTRYSIDE!

THAT
IT IS!



THERE THEY ARE...AND THE
WHITE ONE! WHAT A BEAUTY
HE IS!

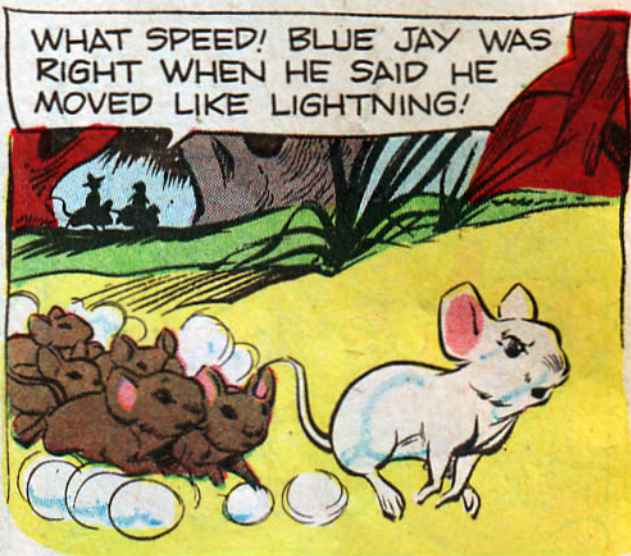
HE'S SPOTTED US!
BETTER GET MOVING,
PETER!



MY MOUNT CAN NEVER
OUTRUN THE LEADER!
I'LL HAVE TO TRY
AND OUTSMART
HIM SOME WAY!



WHAT SPEED! BLUE JAY WAS
RIGHT WHEN HE SAID HE
MOVED LIKE LIGHTNING!



OH, OH! HE'S LEADING
HIS BAND ACROSS
THAT STREAM!



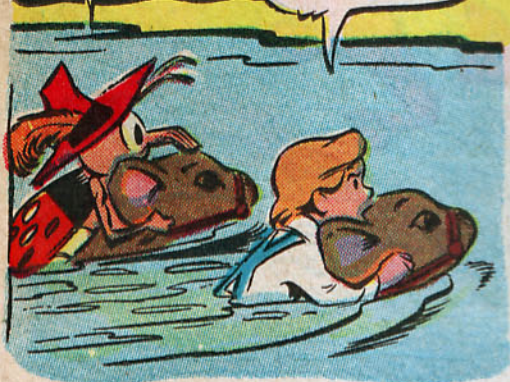
WE CAN GO
WHEREVER
THEY GO!

HERE'S WHERE
WE GET OUR FEET
WET, BEETLE!



I'M GETTING MORE THAN MY **FEET** WET, BELIEVE ME!

BEHOLD!



ALL THE MICE HAVE GONE UNDER THE SURFACE!

WELL, IF THAT DOESN'T BEAT ALL!



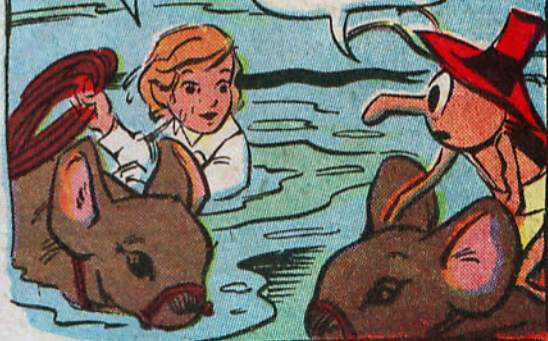
PETER SLIPS OFF HIS MOUNT AND SWIMS UNDER WATER TO INVESTIGATE...

HM-M! THEY'VE GONE THROUGH THAT PASSAGE!



TAKE A DEEP BREATH, BEETLE... WE'LL LEAVE OUR MOUNTS HERE AND SWIM AFTER THEM!

NOT ME, BOY... NOT ME!

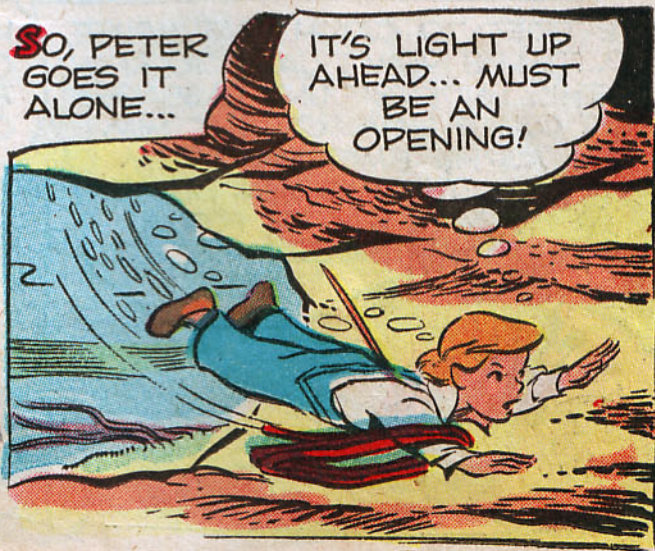


I JUST CAME ALONG FOR THE RIDE! I'M NOT RISKING MY NECK... NOT JUST FOR A WHITE MOUSE! NO SIRREE!

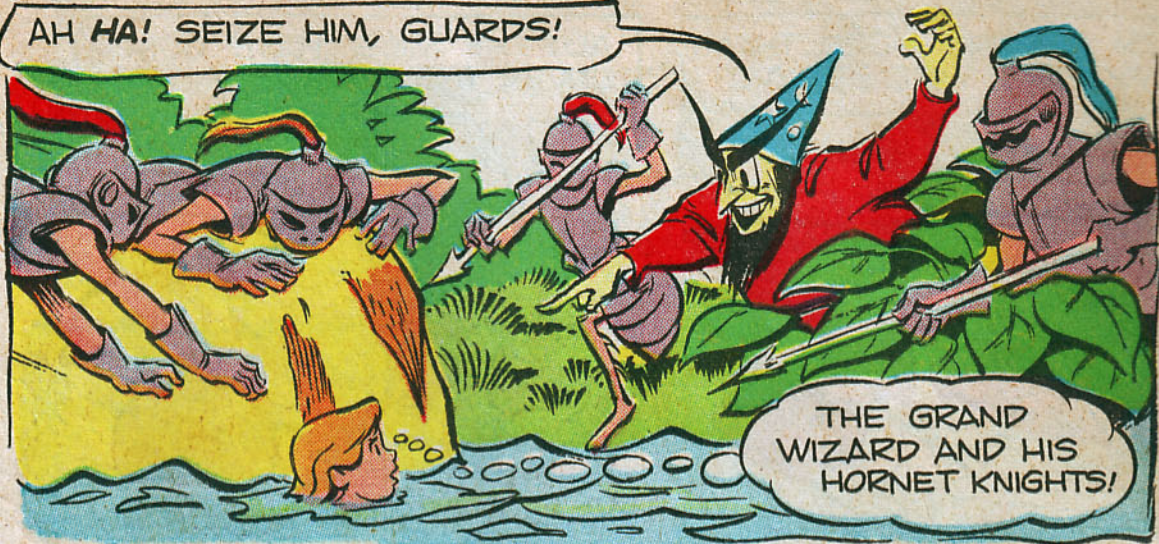


SO, PETER GOES IT ALONE...

IT'S LIGHT UP AHEAD... MUST BE AN OPENING!



AH HA! SEIZE HIM, GUARDS!

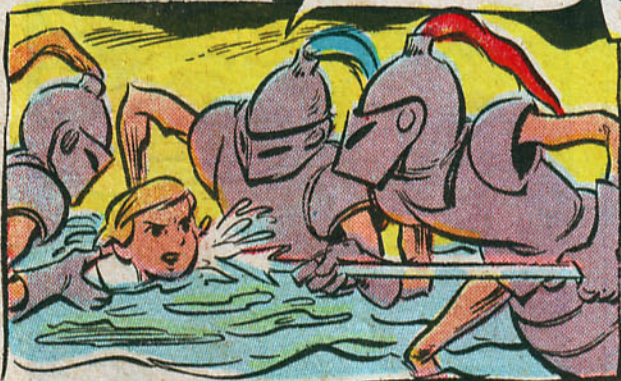


THE GRAND
WIZARD AND HIS
HORNET KNIGHTS!

BEFORE PETER
CAN WHIP OUT
HIS SWORD HE
IS CAPTURED!

CEASE STRUGGLING
OR YOU'LL FEEL
THE STING OF
MY SPEAR!

HO, HO! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
YOU, PETER! YOU SEE, A SPY I
HAVE SECRETED IN YOUR WHEAT
KINGDOM OVERHEARD BLUE JAY
TELLING YOU ABOUT THE WHITE
MOUSE!



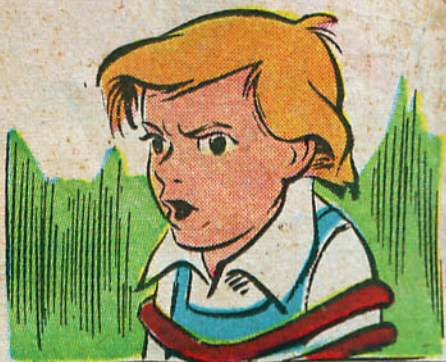
I'VE TRIED TO CATCH THAT MOUSE,
TOO...THAT'S HOW I CAME TO KNOW
OF THIS UNDERGROUND PASSAGE!
I COULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM
AS HE EMERGED FROM
THE WATER... BUT I
WAITED FOR A
**BIGGER PRIZE...
YOU!**



HO, HO! I KNEW YOU'D BE
COMING THROUGH THAT
PASSAGE! YOU'RE MY
CAPTIVE AT LAST!



YOU HAVE ME, WIZARD!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN
TO DO?



TRADE YOU FOR THE WHEAT KINGDOM!
ONCE THE WHEAT FOLK SEE I HAVE
YOU CAPTIVE THEY'LL LAY DOWN
THEIR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER!



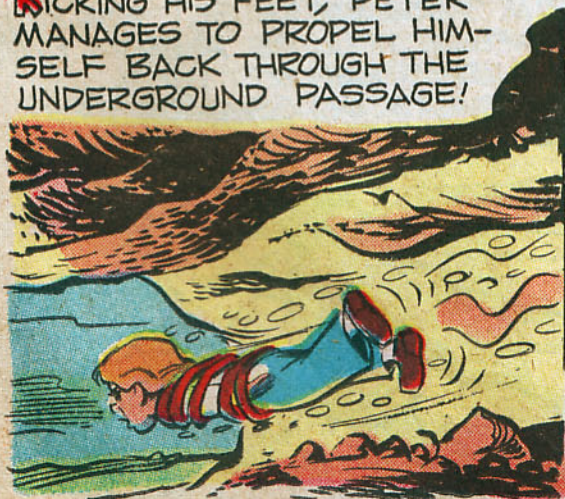
I'VE GIVEN THEM INSTRUCTIONS
TO NEVER SURRENDER IN
CASE OF MY CAPTURE!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR
TIME, GRAND WIZARD!



BEFORE THE WIZARD GRASPS HIM,
PETER LUNGES INTO THE WATER...

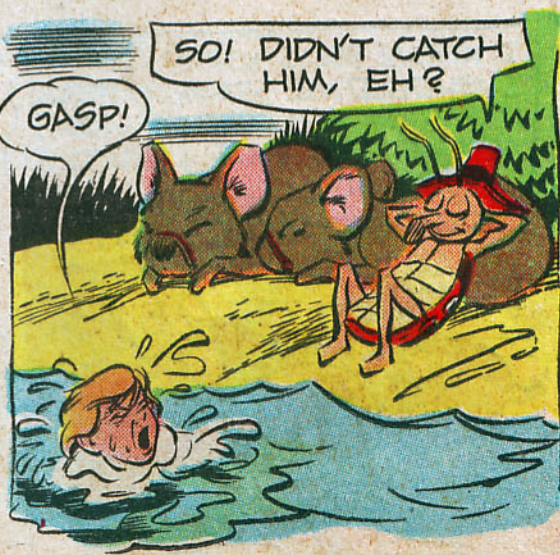


KICKING HIS FEET, PETER
MANAGES TO PROPEL HIM-
SELF BACK THROUGH THE
UNDERGROUND PASSAGE!



SO! DIDN'T CATCH
HIM, EH?

GASP!



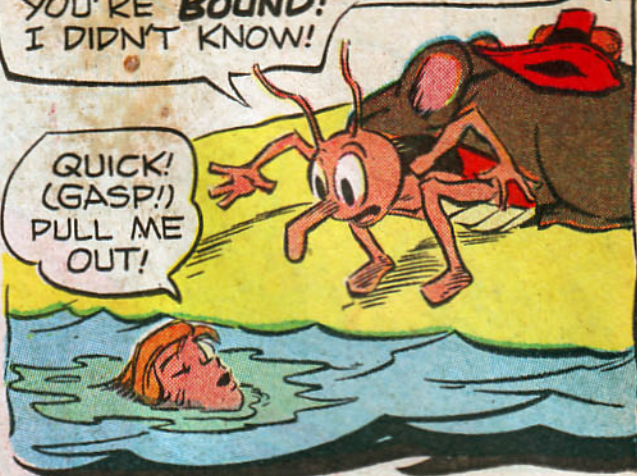
GOOD THING I DIDN'T
WASTE MY TIME SWIMMIN'
AROUND DOWN THERE...
GETTIN' SOAKED
AND...

GASP!



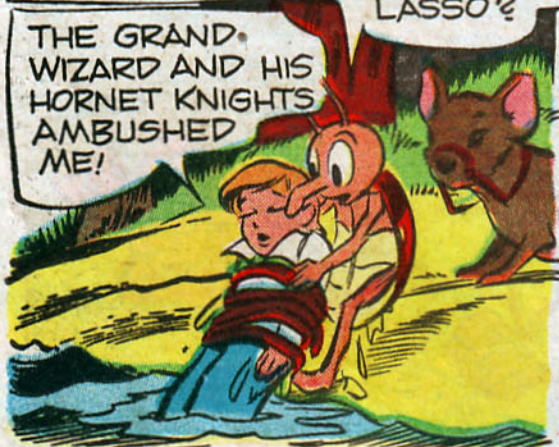
PETER! WHAT IS IT? MIGOSH!
YOU'RE **BOUND!**
I DIDN'T KNOW!

QUICK!
(GASP!)
PULL ME
OUT!



HOW'D YOU EVER MANAGE TO
GET TIED UP WITH YOUR OWN
LASSO?

THE GRAND
WIZARD AND HIS
HORNET KNIGHTS
AMBUSHED
ME!



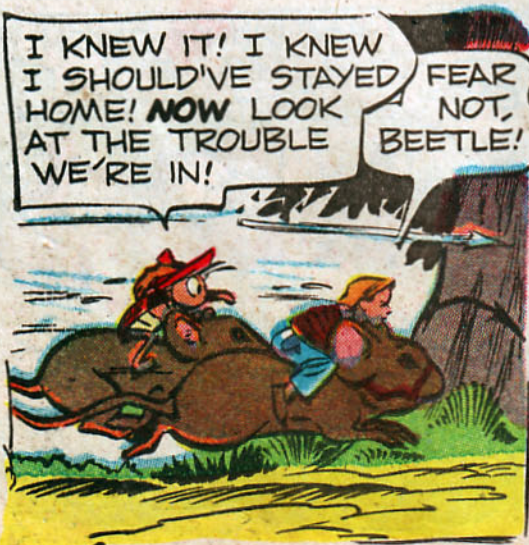
HURRY! WE MUST
RIDE...THEY'RE
AFTER US!

YEEK!
DUCK,
PETER!



I KNEW IT! I KNEW
I SHOULD'VE STAYED
HOME! **NOW** LOOK
AT THE TROUBLE
WE'RE IN!

FEAR
NOT,
BEETLE!

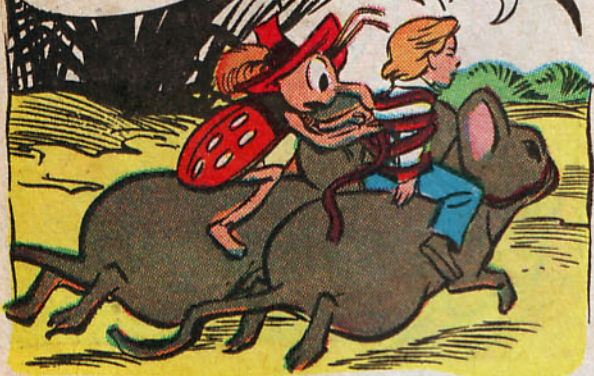


I'M SURE WE'LL GET AWAY
SAFELY! IT'LL BE A FEW
MINUTES BEFORE THE
HORNETS' WINGS ARE DRY
ENOUGH TO FLY!

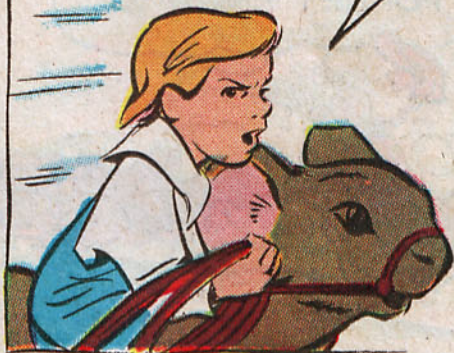


LET ME GET YOU UNTIED, PETER... OH, OH! YOUR SWORD! I SEE THEY GOT IT!

AYE!



IF I HAD MY SWORD I'D GO BACK AND HAVE A SHOWDOWN WITH THAT WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS!



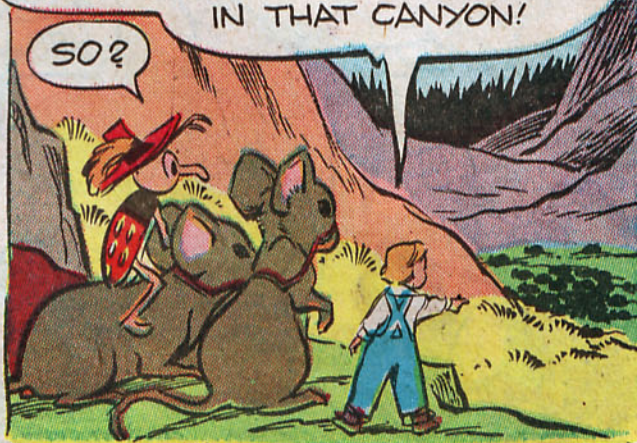
BUT BEING SWORDLESS, THE SMART THING TO DO IS HEAD FOR HOME!

AYE, AYE AND AYE!

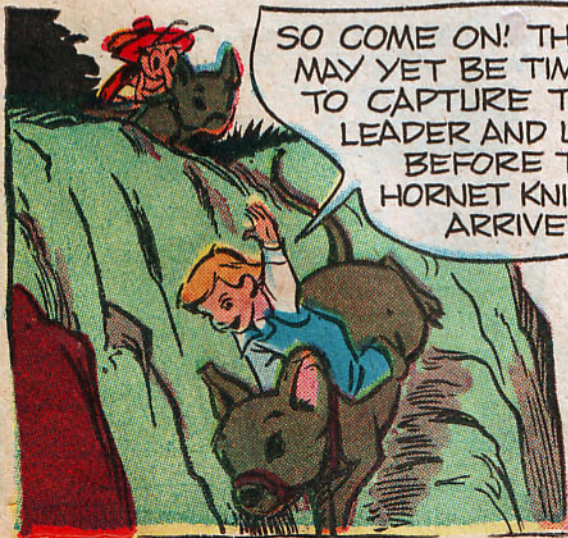


BEETLE, **BEHOLD!** THE WILD MICE BAND! THEY'RE GRAZING DOWN IN THAT CANYON!

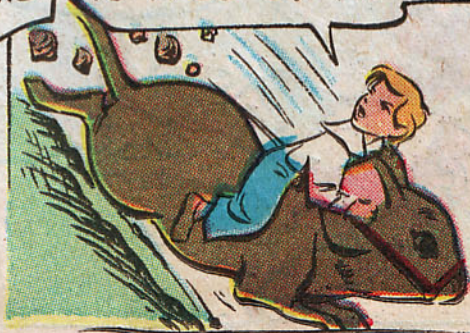
SO?



SO COME ON! THERE MAY YET BE TIME TO CAPTURE THE LEADER AND LEAVE BEFORE THE HORNET KNIGHTS ARRIVE!



HURRY! CIRCLE THEM BACK DOWN THIS DRAW! THERE'S A BOULDER I CAN HIDE BEHIND! THEY'LL HAVE TO PASS BY IT!



WOE IS ME! THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY HAS TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE! THIS DELAY IS **SURE** TO GET US CAUGHT BY THOSE HORNET KNIGHTS!



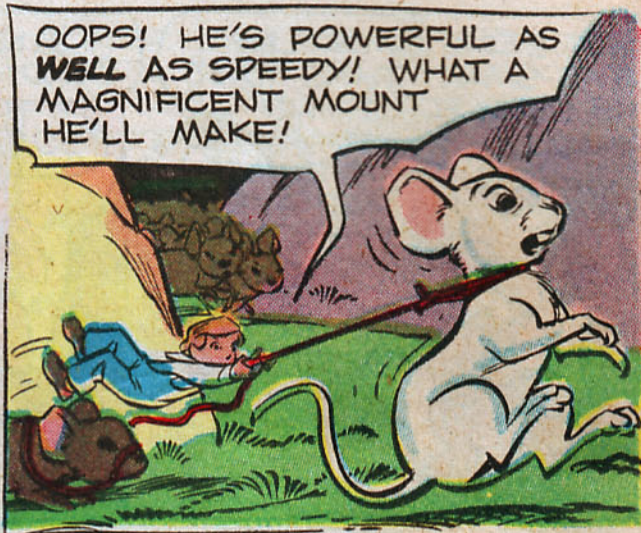
SOON BEETLE MANAGES TO CIRCLE THE WILD MICE AND HEAD THEM DOWN THE DRAW...



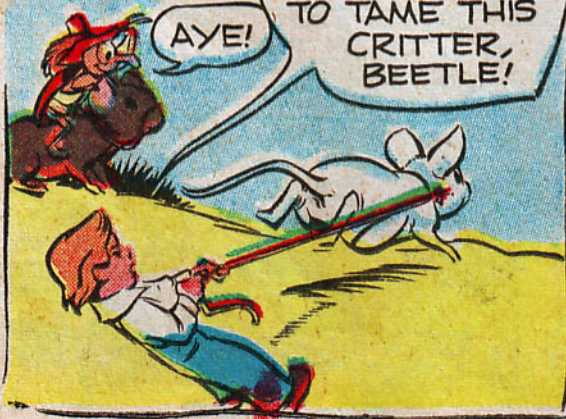
GOOD BOY, BEETLE... KEEP 'EM COMING!



OOPS! HE'S POWERFUL AS **WELL** AS SPEEDY! WHAT A MAGNIFICENT MOUNT HE'LL MAKE!



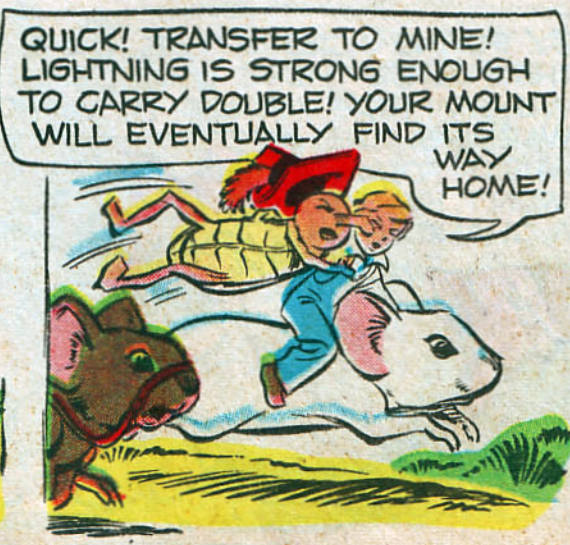
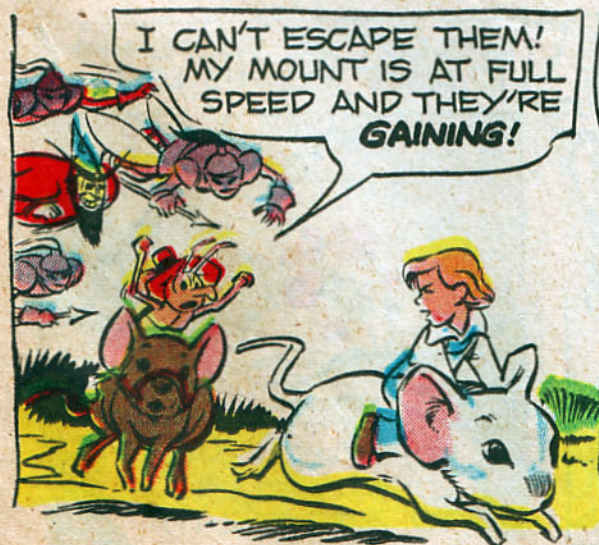
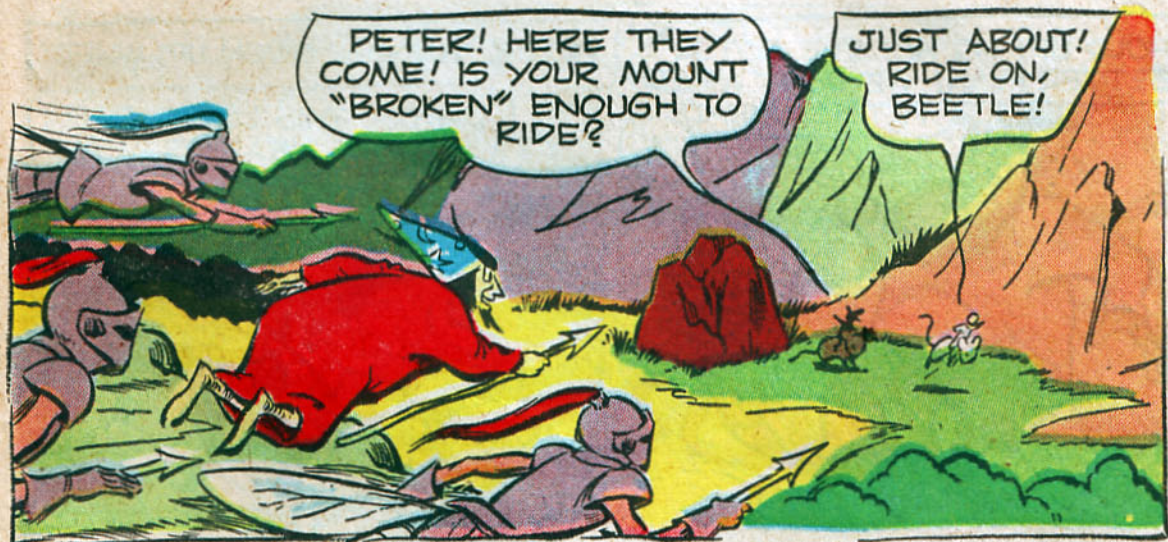
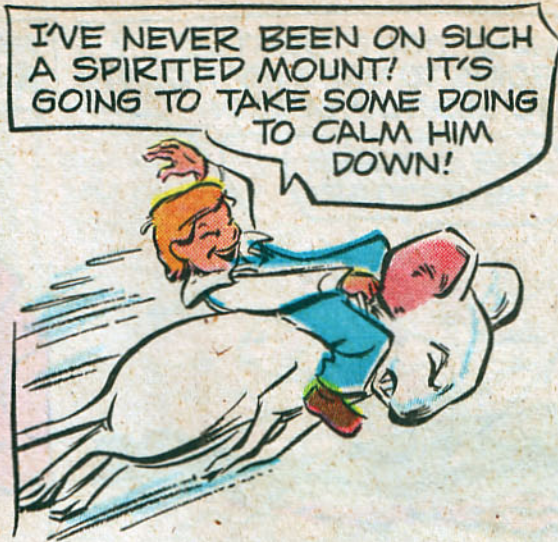
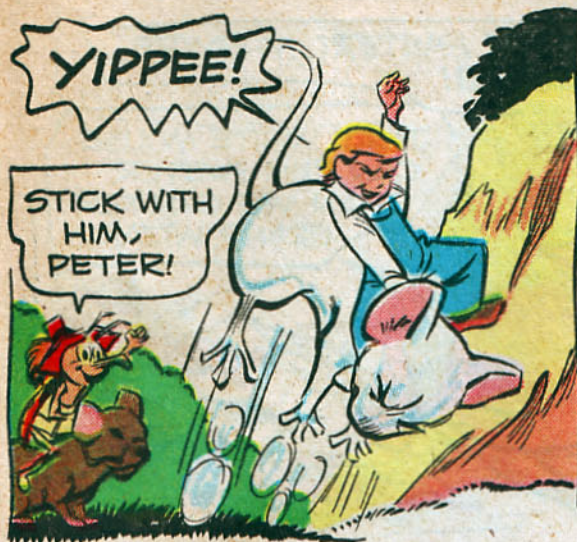
KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR THE WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS WHILE I TRY TO TAME THIS CRITTER, BEETLE!



SLOWLY PETER EDGES HIS WAY UP THE ROPE UNTIL HE'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO MOUNT THE STRUGGLING MOUSE.

EASY!
EASY,
BOY!





HOLD TIGHT, BEETLE! I'M GOING TO URGE MY MOUNT TO HIS TOP SPEED!

THE SOONER THE BETTER!



FASTER! FASTER! THEY'RE ESCAPING!

THAT WHITE MOUSE CAN RUN FASTER THAN WE CAN FLY, GRAND WIZARD!

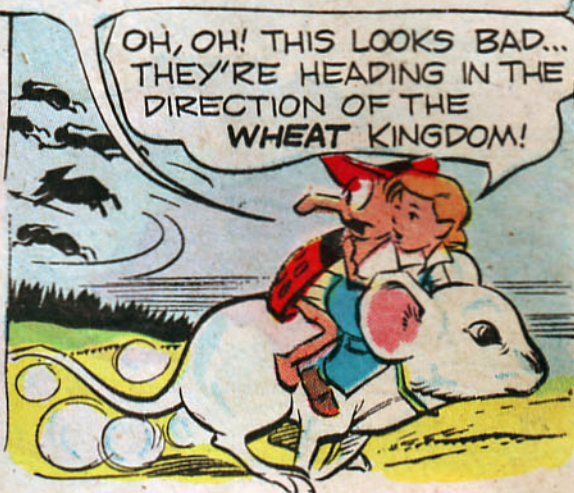


HOLD UP! HO, HÒ! I'VE GOT A BETTER PLAN! WE DON'T **NEED** PETER WHEAT!



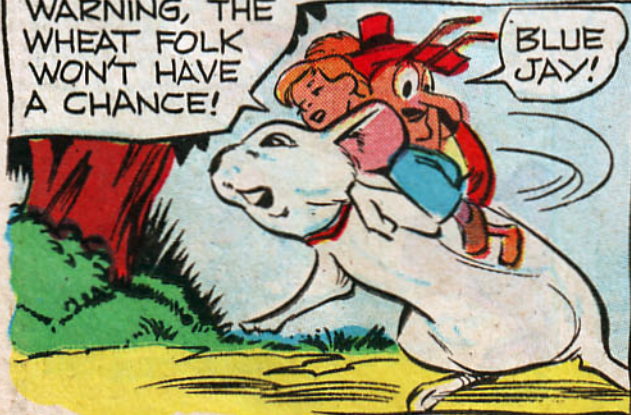
PETER! THEY'VE GIVEN UP! WHEE!

OH, OH! THIS LOOKS BAD... THEY'RE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE **WHEAT KINGDOM!**



BY FLYING ACROSS THE LAKE THEY'LL BE THERE LONG BEFORE WE CAN RIDE AROUND IT! WITHOUT WARNING, THE WHEAT FOLK WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

BLUE JAY!



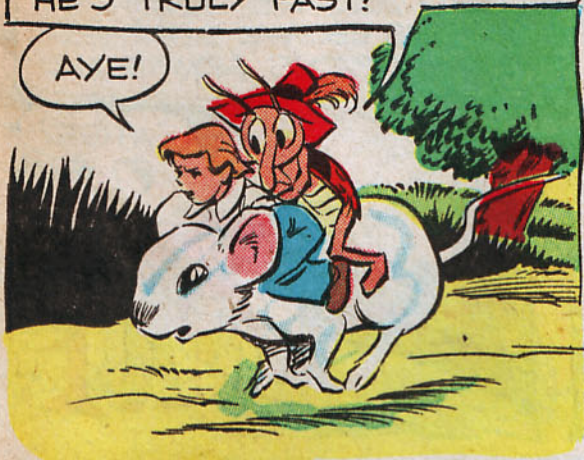
COULDN'T WE SIGNAL HIM TO COME PICK US UP?

NO! IT'D TAKE TOO LONG! WE'LL HAVE TO RIDE FOR IT!

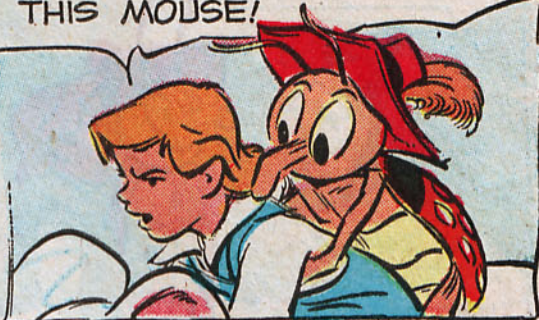


I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR WANTING THIS MOUNT, PETER... HE'S TRULY FAST!

AYE!



BUT STOPPING TO CATCH HIM MAY PROVE DISASTROUS! THE WHEAT KINGDOM MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF THE **WIZARD** BY NOW AS THE RESULT OF MY DESIRE TO CAPTURE THIS MOUSE!



SHORTLY...

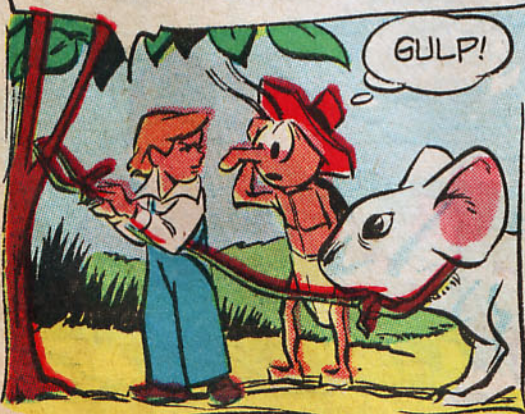
NOBODY ABOUT! I FEAR THE WHEAT FOLK HAVE BEEN DRIVEN INTO THE HILLS!

THE WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS... WHERE ARE THEY?



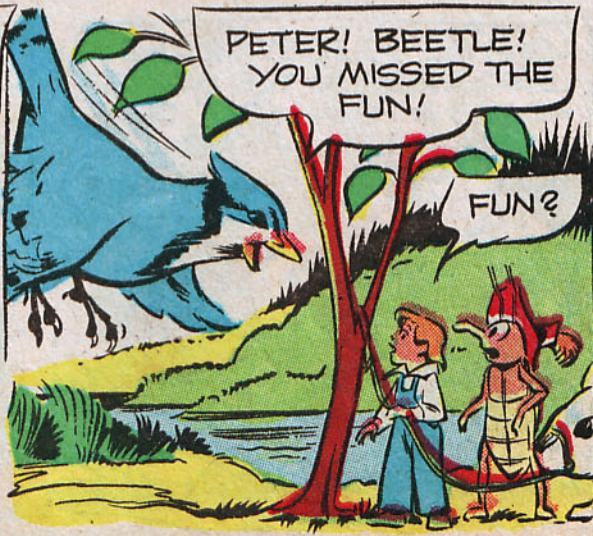
I DON'T KNOW, UNLESS THEY'RE INSIDE THE TREE CASTLE WAITING FOR US TO ENTER!

GULP!

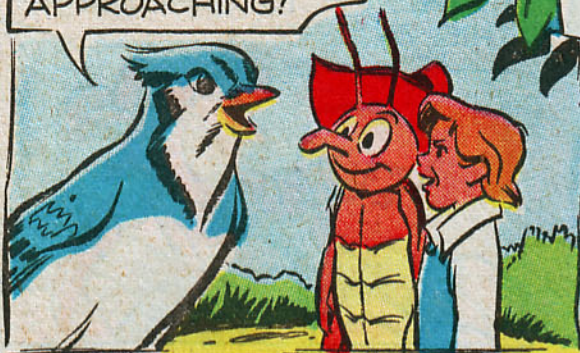


PETER! BEETLE! YOU MISSED THE FUN!

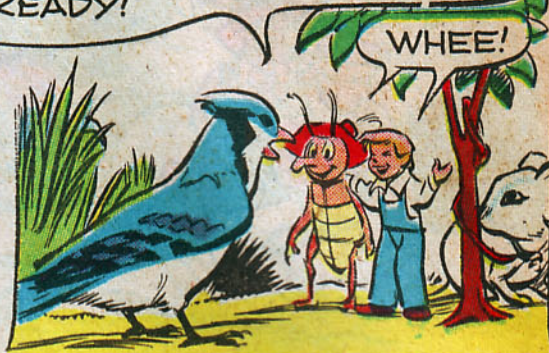
FUN?



AYE! WHILE I WAS WAITING
ON THE SHORE TO SIGHT
YOUR SMOKE SIGNAL I
SPOTTED THE WIZARD
AND HIS KNIGHTS
APPROACHING!



I QUICKLY ALERTED THE WHEAT
FOLK AND INSTEAD OF THE
WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS
SURPRISING US... WE SUPRISED
THEM BY BEING ARMED AND
READY!



BEHOLD! THE FOLK RETURN NOW...
AFTER HAVING CHASED THE
INVADERS OUT OF OUR
KINGDOM!

WELL DONE!



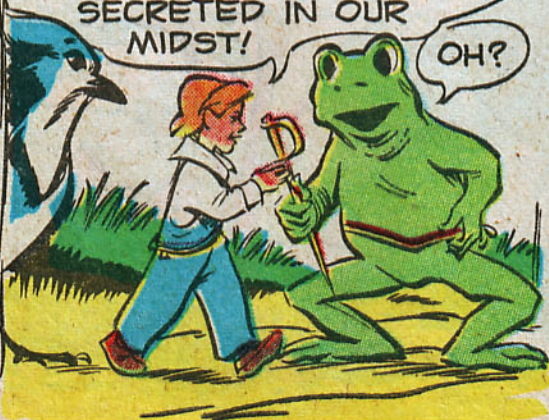
WE GOT EVERY LAST
HORNET KNIGHT OUT OF
OUR KINGDOM, PETER!

ALL BUT
ONE,
FROG!



LOAN ME YOUR SWORD! I
LEARNED FROM THE WIZARD
HE HAS A PERMANENT SPY
SECRETED IN OUR
MIDST!

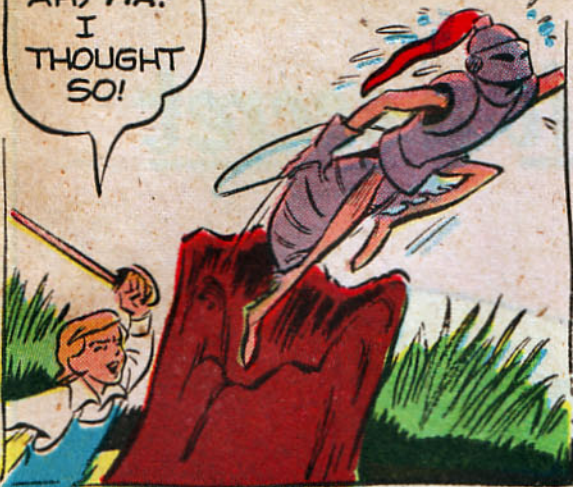
OH?



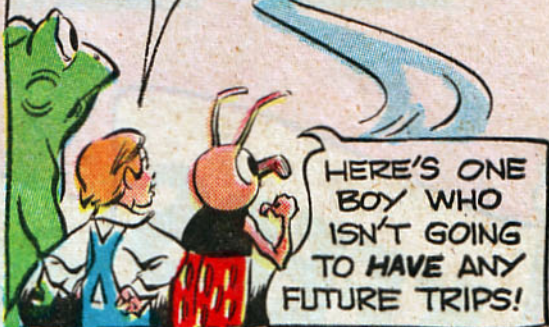
BLUE JAY WAS TELLING ME
ABOUT THAT WHITE MOUSE ON
THE BRIDGE... SO POSSIBLY
SOMEONE COULD
BE HIDDEN IN
THIS HOLLOW
TREE!



AH, HA!
I
THOUGHT
SO!



NOW THE WIZARD WON'T
HAVE ANY WAY OF
KNOWING ABOUT
ANY FUTURE TRIPS
WE MAY PLAN!



NO MORE GALAVANTIN'
AROUND FOR **ME!**
BEETLE BOY IS
STAYING RIGHT
HERE... IT'S
HEALTHIER!

I'LL WAGER
YOU'LL BE UP
AND ON ANOTHER
TRIP IN TEN SECONDS!



WILD HORSES
COULDN'T MOVE
ME FROM
THIS SPOT!



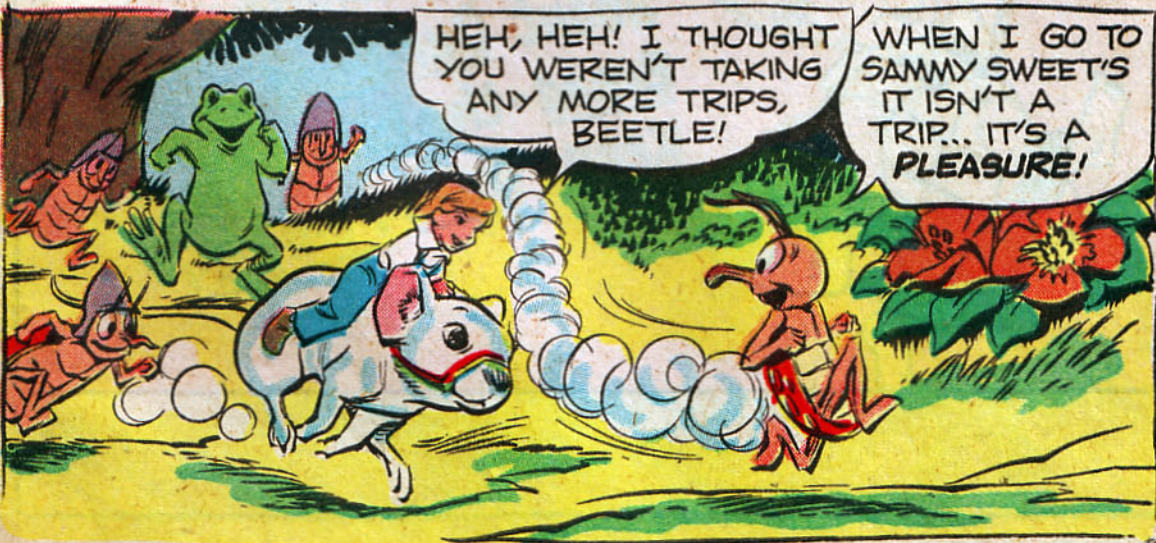
EVERYBODY TO **SAMMY
SWEET'S BAKERY!** MY
TREAT... TO CELEBRATE
YOUR VICTORY OVER THE
WIZARD AND HIS
KNIGHTS!

YEA!



HEH, HEH! I THOUGHT
YOU WEREN'T TAKING
ANY MORE TRIPS,
BEETLE!

WHEN I GO TO
SAMMY SWEET'S
IT ISN'T A
TRIP... IT'S A
PLEASURE!

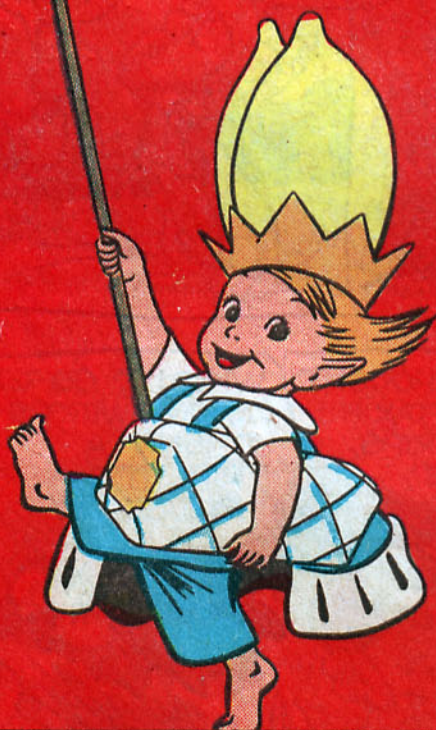


Don't Keep it a secret

KEEPS

FRESH

L-O-N-G-E-R



share your secret
"tell" your neighbor
about Our Good
Bread-the bread that
Keeps fresh l-o-n-g-e-r